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Security Council

10.45 a.m. . . . . 5041st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Civilian aspects of conflict management and peace building

   Letter dated 8 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2004/722)

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. . . . . 5th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Sulejman Tihić, President of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alejandro Toledo Manrique, President of the Republic of Peru
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Sam Nujoma, President of the Republic of Namibia
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicanor Duarte Frutos, President of the Republic of Paraguay
7. Address by His Excellency General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
8. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bingu wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi

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11. Continuation of the general debate [9]

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Paul Martin, Prime Minister of Canada

Lebanon

3 p.m. 6th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ion Iliescu, President of Romania
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Enrique Bolaños Geyer, President of the Republic of Nicaragua
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye, President of the Republic of Burundi
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boniface Alexandre, Interim President of the Republic of Haiti
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Oscar Berger Perdomo, President of the Republic of Guatemala
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Elías Antonio Saca González, President of the Republic of El Salvador
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Charles Gyude Bryant, Chairman of the National Transitional Government of the Republic of Liberia
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos D. Mesa Gisbert, President of the Republic of Bolivia
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Kessai Note, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Arnold Rüütel, President of the Republic of Estonia
11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama
12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania
14. Continuation of the general debate [9]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Pedro Miguel de Santana Lopes, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Forné Molné, Prime Minister of the Principality of Andorra

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia

Address by His Excellency Mr. Miguel Abia Biteo Boricó, Prime Minister of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

United Arab Emirates

Congo

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

United Nations Operation in Burundi

Economic and Social Council

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session 2004

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1 South-South cooperation (DP/CF/SSC/3) . . . . . [3]

2. Briefing by the UNDP Administrator and the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on the UNDP-UNIDO partnership

3. United Nations Office for Project Services (DP/2004/45) . . . . . [6]

[There will be meetings of the Western European and Other States Group from 9 to 9.45 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.]

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General debate

(21–24 September 2004, 27 September–1 October 2004)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by fax directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative). Delegations wishing to receive an electronic copy of the list are kindly requested to send an e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 22 September 2004

Ministerial meeting of the Community of Democracies (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

12 noon–1.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 22 September 2004

Room S-226

12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman
12.45 p.m.	H.E. The Right Honourable Paul Martin, Prime Minister of Canada
2 p.m.	Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals and Director of the Earth Institute, Columbia University; and Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Head of the Global Compact (to launch the UNCTAD report *World Investment Report 2004: The Shift Towards Services*)
4.30 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Elías Antonio Saca González, President of the Republic of El Salvador
7 p.m.	Mr. Hatsuhisa Takashima, Spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of Japan

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 23 September 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. . . . . 7th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernández Reina, President of the Dominican Republic
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana
6. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India

   Germany

   Israel

   Greece

   Italy

   France

   Bangladesh

3 p.m. . . . . 8th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Enrique Pereira Rosa, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
2. Address by His Excellency Al Hadji Yahya Jammeh, President of the Republic of the Gambia
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ricardo Maduro, President of the Republic of Honduras
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jorge Batlle Ibáñez, President of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay

5. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister and Minister for Defence and Public Service of the Kingdom of Lesotho

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Lawrence Gonzi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta

Address by His Excellency Alhaji Aliu Mahama, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana

Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Sandra Pierantozzi, Vice-President and Minister of Health of the Republic of Palau

Address by His Serene Highness Prince Albert, Crown Prince of the Principality of Monaco

Turkey

Austria

Russian Federation

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Ireland

Sudan

Denmark

Bulgaria

Kuwait

Serbia and Montenegro

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its first organizational meeting on Thursday, 30 September 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/59/CRP.1).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 4 October, to Friday, 15 October 2004. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Ms. Cherub Nicholls (room S-2977M; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Cheryl Stoute, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (212) 963-5595; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its first meeting on Thursday, 30 September 2004, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items; Organization of work (A/C.4/59/1[1], A/C.4/59/L.1[1], A/C.4/59/INF/1[1], Aide-mémoire 1/04[2]); and Requests for hearing (item 20).

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 4 October, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 4 October (see document A/C.4/59/L.1[1]) are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay (room S- 2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Informal briefing

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Third Committee will hold an informal briefing on the Committee's organization of work for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, on Monday, 27 September 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing will be preceded by a short presentation by the Fire and Safety Unit under the provisions of a new safety policy for all meetings of 100 or more participants.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open *today*, 21 September 2004, on the basis of the draft programme of work of the Committee (A/C.3/59/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m.

Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee, will hold its first meeting on Thursday, 30 September 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the proposed organization of work for the session, based on the allocation of agenda items to the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/59/1)[1], as well as the status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/59/L.1)[1].

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Movses Abelian, Secretary of the Fifth Committee (room S-2633; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

[1] To be issued.

Sixth Committee

Informal briefing

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Sixth Committee will hold an informal briefing on the Committee's organization of work for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, on Tuesday, 28 September 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be preceded by a short presentation by the Fire and Safety Unit under the provisions of a new safety policy for all meetings of 100 or more participants.

Economic and Social Council

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal high-level meeting

An informal high-level meeting on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Africa: Paving the way for action in 2005 and beyond", sponsored by the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, will be held on Thursday, 23 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers

There will be a meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers on Thursday, 23 September 2004, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

First African Ministerial Meeting on Landmines (organized by the African Union)

The First African Ministerial Meeting on Landmines, organized by the African Union, will be held on Thursday, 23 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held between 24 September and 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries *(Fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting)*

The Fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries will be held on Monday, 27 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Group of 77 *(Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)*

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials of the Group of 77 will be held on Tuesday, 28 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)*

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting on Thursday, 30 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Briefing on the Electronic Meetings Planning and Resource Allocation System (eMeets)

Further to the Note Verbale sent to all Permanent Missions on 2 August 2004 and the briefing held on 27 August 2004, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will hold a briefing for delegations, on the use of the Electronic Meetings Planning and Resource Allocation System (eMeets) for the electronic submission, processing and tracking of reservations for conference facilities, on Friday, 1 October 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 3. For further information, please contact the Meetings Control Section, Central Planning and Coordination Service, DGACM (tel. 1 (212) 963-6540).

Announcements

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-ninth session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-1942; room S-3420I).

Seating protocol for the fifty-ninth regular session

On Tuesday, 20 July 2004, in accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General drew lots for the purpose of determining which Member State would occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor. The name drawn was Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; consequently, the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

Live webcast of the general debate of the fifty-ninth session

The general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly will be broadcast live and on-demand (in English and original language), until Friday, 1 October 2004, at the following address: www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Second Committee

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (item 89 of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 September 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations, chaired by Mr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former president of Brazil, is available on the following Web site: www.un.org/reform.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 21 September 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

3rd plenary meeting

Hurricanes in the Dominican Republic and Haiti

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Governments and the peoples of the Dominican Republic and Haiti for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage that have resulted from the recent hurricane in those countries.

H.E. Mr. Boniface Alexandre, interim President of the Republic of Haiti, made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Carlos Morales Troncoso, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, made a statement

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report (A/59/1) . . . . . [10]

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

H.E. Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. El Haj Omar Bongo Ondimba, President of the Gabonese Republic

H.E. El Haj Omar Bongo Ondimba, President of the Gabonese Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss, President of the Swiss Confederation

H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss, President of the Swiss Confederation, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Benjamin William Mkapa, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

H.E. Mr. Benjamin William Mkapa, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. The Honourable Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

H.E. The Honourable Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Abel Pacheco de la Espriella, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

H.E. Mr. Abel Pacheco de la Espriella, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, addressed the General Assembly.

General debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Bernard Rudolf Bot, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, made a statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Janez Drnovšek, President of the Republic of Slovenia

H.E. Mr. Janez Drnovšek, President of the Republic of Slovenia, addressed the General Assembly.

4th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan

H.E. Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland

H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of the Republic of Mozambique

H.E. Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of the Republic of Mozambique, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaore, President of Burkina Faso

H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaore, President of Burkina Faso, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar

H.E. Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia

H.E. Mr. Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Ivan Gašparović, President of the Slovak Republic

H.E. Mr. Ivan Gašparović, President of the Slovak Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Levy Patrick Mwanawasa, President of the Republic of Zambia

H.E. Mr. Levy Patrick Mwanawasa, President of the Republic of Zambia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco

His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Ricardo Lagos Escobar, President of the Republic of Chile

H.E. Mr. Ricardo Lagos Escobar, President of the Republic of Chile, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Néstor Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic

H.E. Mr. Néstor Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and former President of the General Assembly, addressed the Assembly.

General debate [9]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan; H.E. Mr. José Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain; H.E. Mr. Fatos Nano, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania; H.E. Mr. Göran Persson, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden; H.E. Mr. Bernard Makuza, Prime Minister of the Rwandese Republic; and H.E. The Honourable Phil Goff, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 21 September 2004

Convention on the Right of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

983rd–984th meetings (closed)

Methods of work of the Committee [6]

Other matters [10]

The Committee considered the items.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Bahrain (21 September 2004)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Bahrain (21 September 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Bahrain (21 September 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Bahrain (21 September 2004)[1]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Burundi (21 September 2004)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Slovakia (21 September 2004)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Slovakia (21 September 2004)[1]

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Ratification: Slovakia (21 September 2004)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Accession: Liechtenstein (21 September 2004)[1]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Liechtenstein (21 September 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Estonia (21 September 2004)

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Signature: Malawi (21 September 2004)

Treaty Event
Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The Treaty Event will take place until Friday, 24 September 2004, at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 12 March 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the protection of civilians, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians* is currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains a list of the 24 core treaties relating to the protection of civilians, summaries of key provisions and relevant final clauses, and their status as at 26 March 2004. This information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) Web site (http://untreaty.un.org). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the above Web site under the heading Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the UNTC Web site.

Treaty Event on treaties relating to transit transport
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)

Deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event relating to treaties on transit transport will be organized within the framework of the Focus 2004 Treaty Event, which will take place from *today,* 21 September, until Friday, 24 September 2004, at Headquarters.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 28 May 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession pertaining to treaties relating to transit transport, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of the Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratifications, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, reservations and notifications to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

Summaries of the key provisions of and benefits to be derived from as well as the texts of the treaties relating to transit transport are currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. These documents are entitled Issues Note on Selected International Transit Transport Conventions, and Selected International Conventions and Agreements on Transit Transport - Compilation of Electronic Texts. These documents and other relevant information relating to the seminar held on 8 July 2004 are available on the Web sites of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (www.un.org/ohrlls), the Economic Commission for Europe (www.unece.org), and the United Nations Treaty Collection (http://untreaty.un.org). The United Nations Treaty Collection also contains the status of the treaties relating to transit transport.

Treaty Event
Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
International Conference Centre
Geneva (23 to 24 September 2004)

Deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place from 23 to 24 September 2004 during the first Meeting of the Conference of the Parties at the International Conference Center in Geneva (rue Varembé 15). The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting. Arrangements will be made for delegations and others to witness the event.

Delegations that wish to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Rotterdam Convention during the event are advised to contact the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP Chemicals) at the below address to make the necessary arrangements. Delegations were also requested to submit in advance copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, no later than 17 September 2004.

Delegations may also contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs at United Nations Headquarters in New York for information on the above (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

The text and status of the Convention can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site at the following address: http://untreaty.un.org.

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11-13, Chemin des Anémones
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